

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

(99D01/PCT/USA)

As a below named inventor, I declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below above my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD FOR PRODUCING SOIL, SOIL-PROCESSING UNIT, METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND UNIT FOR PROCESSING

the specification of which (check applicable box(es)).

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as United States Application or PCT International Application

No. PCT/JP99/01660

☐ and was amended on

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(b) or 365(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 35 U.S.C.365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Japanese Patent Application No. 10-103297 filed March 31, 1998,
No. 10-273417 filed September 28, 1998 and No. 10-377175 filed December
27, 1998 Priority Claimed

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby appoint as my attorney, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:
Ken I. Yoshida (Reg.No.37,009) and John L. Knoble (Reg.No.32,387), each of whose address is Eight Penn Center, Suite 1350, 1628 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103, or any one of them, and request that correspondence be directed to KNOBLE & YOSHIDA LLC, Eight Penn Center, Suite 1350, 1628 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103 and that telephone calls be directed to Ken I. Yoshida at telephone No.(215)599-0600.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am

() the owner of the small business concern identified below:

(X) an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN HOUEI SYOUKAI CO., LTD.

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I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled METHOD FOR PRODUCING SOIL, SOIL-PROCESSING UNIT, METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND UNIT FOR PROCESSING by inventor(s) _____

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(X) the specification filed herewith

() application serial no. _____, filed _____

() patent no. _____, issued _____

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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